



President Zillur Rahman gives away gold medal to a successful graduate at the first convocation of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Remove barriers to quality higher education

President asks private universities

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday said the private universities must take measures to remove all barriers to imparting quality higher education for their own interest.

"The universities would have to be turned into the highest center of excellence of practicing knowledge," he said while speaking at the first convocation of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

The President said though presently more than 50 private universities operating in the country standard of education in many of them have been called into question.

Many private universities have no adequate logistic and infrastructure facilities, capable teachers and well-equipped library, he said.

Zillur Rahman observed that more sincere endeavors of the authorities of private universities are required to attain the desired goal of standard of higher

education.

He said about 1400 years ago renowned scholar of the then subcontinent Shil Bhadra, born in Dhaka, was a teacher of the ancient university of Nalanda. Famous Chinese traveler Hyun Sung accepted his discipleship being enchanted with deep knowledge of Shil Bhadra, he added.

After 400 years, the President said, Atish Dipankar, the great ancient Buddhist scholar from Bikrampur, went to Tibet to enrich the Buddhism.

Termed that era as the golden age of Bengal, the President said the then East-Bengal was known as a center of excellence for disseminating knowledge.

"This golden era is no more. It's our responsibility to bring back of that rich history," he observed.

The Great War of Liberation is the most prestigious event of the country's history, he said, adding, the greatest Bengali of thousands years Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the architect of the liberation war.

It's responsibilities of teachers and

guardians to present the contribution of Bangabandhu as well as true history and tradition of the country before the new generation, he said.

Congratulating the graduates, the President urged them to work being imbued with high principle for taking the country to a new zenith through serving the interest of the common people.

A total of 146 students were conferred undergraduate and post graduate degrees from different disciplines while Mohammad Abdulla-Al-Mamun and M Aminur Rahman received gold medals from the President for their outstanding results.

Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Professor Nazrul Islam spoke as the special guest while Under Secretary General of the United Nation Ameerah Haq spoke as the convocation speaker.

ULAB Board of Governor President Kazi Shahid Ahmed and Vice Chancellor Professor Rafiqul Islam also spoke on the occasion. M Ghulam Sumdany Don spoke as the valedictorian.

Buet reopens on July 24

DU CORRESPONDENT

Classes will resume at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) on July 24 after an unscheduled closure of 34 days following a clash among students over suspension of classes for watching the World Cup Football.

The decision was taken yesterday at an academic council meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof AMM Shafiqul Islam. The authorities also decided to re-open its dormitories at 9:00am, tomorrow.

On June 19, Buet administrators were compelled to suspend all academic activities and shut the halls of residence for an indefinite period following a clash among senior and junior students injuring several students.

The authorities formed a five-member probe committee, the following day, headed by Prof Monimul Haque of the Chemistry Department to investigate the circumstances that triggered the clash.

The probe committee also submitted the report of its investigations before the council yesterday.

Contribution of Hena Das recalled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The speakers at a memorial meeting yesterday said Hena Das, a human rights activist of the country, is a source of inspiration for all the women in the country by her thoughts and works.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised the meeting at its auditorium in the city.

On the occasion of her first death anniversary, the speakers termed her a unique woman who moved for political, social and cultural development.

"Her life and activities are a source of inspiration for all of us. The courageous but polite, confident and non-communal woman stood against all social discriminations," said Maleka Banu, general secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad.

Hena played an active role in every movement of the country beginning from the anti-British movement. She raised her voice against discrimination during the Pakistan period and was a front liner during the Liberation War in 1971. After the liberation

she was engaged in social development, women empowerment and democratic movements.

Hena Das protested against all social injustice, exploitation and oppression and did not bow down to fear of torture, they said.

"We should hold the spirit of her involvement in socio-cultural, national and democratic movements and her efforts, courage and strength among us to move the country forward," said President of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Ayesha Khanam.

Karmojibi Nari President Shirin Akhter said contribution of Hena Das in women empowerment must be remembered at all times.

"She was unique in all forms," said Quazi Faruque Ahmed, convener of National Teachers Employees Front who had the opportunity to work together with Hena Das in the teachers' movement.

Son-in-law of Hena Das Dr Nazrul Islam and Dipti Shikder of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad also spoke at the meet.

First landing on moon 41st anniversary celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Astronomical Association organises an elaborate programme to celebrate 41st anniversary of man's first landing on the moon on July 20, 1969.

Noted educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed formally inaugurated the two-week programme by cutting a ribbon at the Alliance Francaise de Dacca in the city yesterday.

The programme, organised in association with Alliance Francaise and Omrito Consumer Food Products, features a photography exhibition, film shows, sky observation and an Astro Olympiad.

In July 19, 1969, the spacecraft Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In July 20, Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the Sea of Tranquility and became the first human to walk on the Moon.

14 officials to study in Japan under JDS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 14 Bangladeshi young government officials will leave for Japan next month to study for two years under Japan Development Scholarship (JDS), says a press release.

They will study in Japan for two years to obtain Master's degrees in various fields.

A send-off ceremony for the JDS fellows was held on Monday at the Japanese Ambassador's residence.

Japanese ambassador Tamotsu Shinotsuka encouraged JDS fellows to keep in mind that both Bangladeshi and Japanese people expect a great deal from them for the development of their own country through making the best use of knowledge and experience that will be acquired in Japan.

The formal title of the Scholarship is "The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)." It was established by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh with the assistance of the Government of Japan in the year 2001.

JDS will contribute to enhancing the knowledge and skills of young Bangladeshi people so that they can play leading roles in the development of Bangladesh after completion of their studies.



Newly appointed High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Bangladesh Sarath Kumara Weragoda calls on Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni at the foreign ministry yesterday.



Fisheries and livestock ministry brings out a colourful procession from the Matsya Bhavan in the city yesterday marking the National Fisheries Week.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Deforestation, encroachment are challenges in Bangladesh

Says USAID official

BSS, Dhaka

USAID has developed a new programme upscaling ongoing co-management effort in protecting the valuable reserve forest resources in Bangladesh side by side improving livelihoods of the poor in the face of adverse impacts of climate change.

Sharing the new concept at American Recreation Centre in the city yesterday, Environment Team Leader (Office of Economic Growth) of USAID Dr Azharul H Mazumder said various factors, including deforestation, encroachment and illegal activities are challenges for environmental management in Bangladesh.

Leading environmentalists Dr Atiq A Rahman of BCAS and Quamrul Islam Chowdhury of FEJB, experts from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Buet, made substantive comments on the USAID's new concept.

Dr Azharul said natural resources should be managed in such a way that local people surrounding the forest areas of the country are included by providing them with necessary education and technical know-how on forest management.

He echoed the success of the project titled 'Integrated Protected Area Co-management' (IPAC) under the Ministry of Environment and Forest saying it has a number of evidences in terms of sustainable natural resources management and biodiversity conservation.

The project already resulted in equitable economic growth and good environmental governance at ecologically and economically significant areas, he said.

Encouraged by the success of the USAID-funded IPAC, he said, a number of donor agencies mainly EU, GTZ and WB came up with financial assistance to supplement it.

The USAID official said the new

programme will include improvement of legal and regulatory measures, streamlining institutions for protecting natural resources, visible-economic model for co-management and resource management and adaptation to climate change at the landscape level.

Quamrul described the new initiative of the USAID as a very small one given the programmes undertaken by the government and suggested real scaling up of the USAID project with more involvement of the community people, partner organisations and experts.

He underscored the need for maximising the benefit of the poorest of the poor side by side with properly conserving the ecologically critical areas and reserve forests including the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove in the world.

Atiq was in favour of looking at poverty, environment and development inter-mix while implementing the USAID project.

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- Must have valid registration with Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council

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- General & Laparoscopic Surgery
- Radiology & Imaging
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Neonatology

Requirements for the post:

- MBBS with Post Graduate Degree/Diploma or equivalent in concerned specialty & at least 2 years' experience in related field in a reputed hospital
- Must have valid registration with Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council

Position: Resident Medical Officer

For the following Specialties:

- Internal Medicine & Allied branches
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- Paediatrics Neonatology
- ICU's

Requirements for the post:

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- Valid registration with Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council

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Interested candidates are requested to apply by July 31, 2010 with updated CV and a recent photograph to: Human Resources Division, Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, Plot 81, Block E, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka-1229 Or e-mail your CV (along with a recent photograph) to: recruit@apolldhaka.com